Policy

Valedictorian: Selection Process and Criteria

1. The Valedictorian of the TC Beirne School of Law (Law School) is a student who has received excellent academic results and has contributed to the Law School.
2. The Valedictorian is chosen from the graduating class.
3. Two Valedictorians are therefore selected each year, one at the end of each semester.
4. The Valedictorian’s name is recorded on the plaque in the Law Library.

Eligibility criteria

1. In order to be eligible for nomination a student must have:
   a. Completed (or be eligible to graduate from) the LLB;
   b.Maintained a GPA of 6.0 by graduation in order to obtain Class I Honours; and
   c. Contributed to the TC Beirne School of Law.

Nomination process

2. Half way through each semester (generally in Week 7) the Law School sends an email with assistance from the UQLS to all LLB students requesting Valedictorian applications from students who expect to graduate in that semester.
3. The Valedictorian application is to be completed by the LLB student and should include a CV and an outline of the applicant’s contribution to the Law School.
4. Students must send their applications to the Dean via dean@law.uq.edu.au before the deadline (generally 3 weeks after the email requesting applications is sent).
Selection process

5. A Committee comprising the Dean, the President of the UQLS and two members of the academic staff chosen by the Dean will select the Valedictorian.

6. The eligibility criteria outlined above is considered in determining which applicant is the most suitable candidate for Valedictorian.

7. In determining whether the applicant has made a contribution to the Law School the following may be considered:

   a. Awards received including Dean’s Commendations, scholarships and other prizes;
   b. Participation in mooting, negotiation or other legal competitions organised by the UQLS or any other body;
   c. Holding a position on the UQLS executive, or one of its subcommittees; the Justice and the Law Society (JATL) executive; the Australian Legal Philosophy Students Association executive (ALPSA); or the executive of the University of Queensland International Law Society (UQILS);
   d. Volunteer work through the UQ Pro Bono Centre or any other organisation/facilitator;
   e. Undertaking an internship or work experience in the legal sphere;
   f. Studying overseas through the UQ exchange program;
   g. Involvement in any other initiative of the Law School or the UQLS; and
   h. Involvement in any other activities that have allowed the student to apply their theoretical knowledge of the law to practical situations.

8. The future plans of the applicant may also be considered.